

**From:** Dennis Wollersheim [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 May 2016 5:08 PM  
**To:** LCLC  
**Subject:** Parliamentary Inquiry regarding the minimum passing distance cycling rules for Victoria.

Dear Sir

I would like to add my comment to this parliamentary enquiry.

Firstly, I would like to mention that I am a Bicycle Network member, but their submission to the enquiry does not represent my views, specifically their exemption clause in section 5.3. I believe that the proposed minimum 1m - 1.5m distance should apply to all roads. I am active cyclist, and I believe that motorists need an unambiguous message about car bicycle safety. The number of cyclists on the roads is increasing, and there must be education of drivers.

Similarly, if we are to address climate change and further increase cyclist participation, we must make it easier and safer for cyclists. I fear that Victoria is considering going down the path of NSW and putting barriers in the way of cyclists. In this vein, I urge you to cease consideration of any further restrictions of cyclists, for example, licensing of cyclists or barring the riding of 2 cyclists abreast. I believe these would further marginalise cyclists and decrease likelihood for people to take up cycling. Decrease in cycling has public health implications, and would likely eliminate any gains that may result from such restrictions.

Sincerely yours

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